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ANTHROPOLOGIC MISCELLANEA

DR WILLS DE HASS, who in earlier days was an active student of American archeology, died at Pittsburgh, January 24, 1910, in his ninety-third year. Dr De Hass was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and received his education at Western University and Washington and Jefferson College, afterward studying medicine with Dr Joseph P. Gazzam, of Pittsburgh, and attending lectures at Jefferson College, Philadelphia. He early turned attention to historical and scientific subjects, and especially to American archeology, being for a time associated with the Bureau of American Ethnology. He served throughout the Civil War and took a prominent part in the final separation and in the formation of the new government of West Virginia. Dr De Hass was the author of a number of writings on the archeology and history of the Indians, the most important of which is his *History of the Early Settlement and Indian Wars of Western Virginia* (Wheeling, 1851), and a paper on *Archæology of the Mississippi Valley*, presented before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1868.

THE department of anthropology of the American Museum of Natural History has been enriched by the accession of two large local collections. The first of these was made on Manhattan island by Messrs Calver and Bolton; it is particularly valuable, because the sites on the upper end of the island, whence the objects were obtained, are fast becoming obliterated. Several skeletons are interesting as being the only known authentic remains of the Manhattan aborigines. There is also a large and perfect pottery vessel of the Iroquois type from the upper end of Manhattan island. The second collection was made on Staten island during the years 1900–09 by Mr Alanson Skinner, of the department of anthropology, and is the largest and most complete in existence from this locality, consisting of nearly 1,200 specimens.

ON January 1, 1910, Mr William H. Holmes severed his official connection with the Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, and resumed his place as head curator of anthropology in the National Museum, and in this connection also became curator of the National Gallery of Art. Mr Holmes's preference has always been for museum work, and he had in view especially the better opportunity

afforded by the change for completing for publication the results of his various archeological researches. Mr F. W. Hodge succeeded him as head of the Bureau of American Ethnology, under the official designation of ethnologist-in-charge.

THE gold medal recently founded by Herr Alfred Maas for the Berlin Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte was bestowed by that society, on its fortieth anniversary, upon Professor A. Grünwedel of the Royal Museum für Völkerkunde in recognition of the splendid results achieved by him on his three Turfan expeditions. This is the first time the medal has been awarded.

THE University of California is now maintaining a number of fellowships for graduate students, in various subjects, and there is a possibility of one of these being awarded in anthropology during the year 1910–11. The value is $400. Should there be a successful candidate the department of anthropology will endeavor to place at his disposal opportunity for anthropological field work in California.

AT a joint meeting of the American Ethnological Society and the Section of Anthropology and Psychology of the New York Academy of Sciences, held January 24th, Dr Franz Boas delivered a public lecture on The Changes in the Physical Characteristics of the Immigrants to the United States.

"THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL BULLETIN," published quarterly by the International Society of Archæologists, has made its appearance at Council Grove, Kansas. Allen Jesse Reynolds is Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. The little journal is published chiefly in the interest of collectors.

COL. WILLIAM H. LOVE, of Baltimore, died at Reistertown, Maryland, February 14, aged sixty-eight years. Colonel Love had long been interested in archeology, and shortly before his death presented a large collection of aboriginal American objects to Woman's College, Baltimore.

AT a meeting of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, of Wilkes-Barré, Pennsylvania, on December 10, Mr Arthur C. Parker, State Archeologist and Ethnologist of New York, delivered an illustrated lecture on The Original Indian Occupancy of Wyoming Valley.

DR F. W. PUTNAM, emeritus professor of American archeology and ethnology at Harvard University, has been appointed honorary academician of the Museum of the National University of La Plata in the section of the natural sciences.

DR E. B. TYLOR, professor of anthropology at Oxford University, will retire from active service. It will be remembered that Professor Tylor celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday October 2, 1907.

WE regret to record the death, at Florence, Italy, on December 18, 1909, of Professor Henry Hillyer Giglioli, on the eve of the celebration of his fortieth year of university teaching.

MR W. CROOKE, B.A., has been appointed president of Section H (Anthropology) of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which meets at Sheffield beginning August 31 next.

AT a meeting of the American Ethnological Society of New York, on February 9, 1910, a public lecture was given by Dr George Grant MacCurdy on Some Recent Discoveries Bearing on the Antiquity of Man.

THE sixth session of the Congrès Préhistorique de France will be held at Tours from August 21 to 27, inclusive.